

TAKE ACTION: Please cut and paste this letter onto your personal or Institutional letterhead welcoming the release of Pham Hong Son from prison, but criticizing the continued restrictions on his freedom of movement as well as the continued house arrest of Buddhist cleric Le Dinh Nhan.

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Excellency,

I wish to add my name to this appeal from PEN Canada, the Canadian centre of the international writers' organization, International PEN. PEN Canada is writing to welcome the release from prison of **Pham Hong Son**.

The cyber-dissident **Pham Hong Son** was released on August 30, several months ahead of his scheduled release. However, we understand that he faces three years of restricted movements and government surveillance. Son, a medical doctor who spent more than four years in prison after posting pro-democracy writings on-line, was included in Your Excellency's recent amnesty.

In the case of the Most Venerable **Thich Huyen Quang** (Le Dinh Nhan) of the outlawed Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam (UBCV), he remains under house arrest. Le Dinh Nhan, in his 80s, was arrested in 1994 for writing an open letter critical of the Vietnamese government.

PEN Canada welcomes the release from prison of Pham Hong Son and expects that he receive any required medical attention to treat illnesses that he contracted while in jail. At the same time, we call for all conditions on his release to be dropped immediately. PEN Canada also urges that the detention of Thich Huyen Quang (Le Dinh Nhan) cease and that the Buddhist monk enjoy complete freedom of movement and of expression, and access to any medical care that he may require.

Sincerely,

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